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CARRANZA FORCES SURROUND VILLA

BULLETIN-

THE WAR

OVER BY

OPINIONS

APRIL 15.TH

(SIGNED) GERMANY

Country's on.

sages made no comment on that point

Although the Mormon colony

various sections of Mexico indicated

AMERICAN BULLETS

ORDER MOTORCYCLES

New York, March 14.—Bids for sup-

used by troops in the pursuit of Villa

were received today by Colonel A.

Smith, the United States depot quar-

termaster here. It is expected that the

trucks and motorcycles will be ready

Ottumwa, Iowa, March 14.-Accord-

men and women voters here defeated

Iterms.

VILLISTASTO MAKE STAND AGAINST FOE

Is Reported Outlaws Will Hold Mountain Pass and Fight Americans.

IS STRATEGIC POINT

Bandit Chief if He Carries Out Move.

El Paso, Texas, March 14 .-Villa, heading south from Gaiena, is now encircled by Carranza troops, according to advices from General Luis Gutierrez, commander in chief of Chihuahua today. With 15,000 men in Chihuahua and heavy reinforcements on their way from the division of General Calles in Sonora, he thinks Villa has small chance of escape.

El Paso, Texas, March 14.-A circumstantial story reached here today from Mexican sources to the effect that Villa had once more changed tion at Ojitos pass, the narrow gap in the western Chihuahua Sierras through which he made his murderous dash on Columbus.

Is Strategic Position.

Americans familiar with the counfense if Villa really intends to risk men. an open engagement with the American troops and does not try to evade about 87,000 men. that it is beginning to feel the ner- ico. yous strain that has been increasing in tension since the Columbus raid.

Stories of the activities of Villa border. An American said he had record for local banks. seen a dog with a roll of papers fied about his neck, running across the border. He fired several bullets at the animal but failed to hit it.

Supplies Arriving.

In the meantime trainloads of military supplies continue to arrive here or pass through on their way to other points on the international line. Keen interest is shown in the aeroplane squadron which is reported on its way from San Antonio. The 23rd infantry which was ordered to entrain at Galveston is expected here late today. Hear Plans of Attack.

Naco, Ariz., March 14.-Naco was under arms during the night as the result of reports from sources considered reliable by military authorties that a raid on the town was planned for the early morning hours.

Following reports early last night that Villa sympathizers at Cananca, Sonora, were threatening trouble, the wires between that town and the border were cut.

The authorities here also learned of several pieces of artillery hidden in a house at Nogales, Sonora, and that Mexican soldiers had been carrying what appeared to be ammunition to the place.

In Naco, the patrols were instructed to "shoot to kill" anyone found trying to burn houses or who refused to halt

AUSTRO BARONESS' DEATH ANNOUNCED

Berlin, March 14, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y .- The death is announced at Vienna of Baroness Marie von Ebher Esenbach, author. She was 86 years old, daughter of Count Franz von Dubsky. She was the author of many novels, as well as of poems and aphorisms.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE. Began debate on Myers public land water power site bills. Former President Taft and other

American Bar association leaders protested against supreme court nomination of Louis D. Brandels. Agricultural committee considered bill for government production of nitrate.

HOUSE. Naval committee continued work on navy increase program. Resumed debate on legislative appropriation bill

Teuts Offer Amends for **Last Sinking**

Washington, March 14. Austria has presented to the United States reports of two instances in which it is charged Austrian merchant ships were torpedoed without warning by allied submarines, presumably British.

Washington, March 14. - Unofficial advices received here today indicate that Germany will make complete amends to the United States if it is found that a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian bark Silius from which seven Americans were res-

cued in Havre roads. The German government is repre-Conditions Favorable to the sented here as believing that a torpedo Funston Refuses to Talk and was not responsible for the loss of the bark and that any commander who attacks a neutral ship such as the Silius without warning would be exceeding his instructions.

American consul Osborne at Havre reported that the ship was torpedoed without warning. His report was based on statements of American survivors. Officials are inclined to entertain the were issued from Fort Sam Houston possibility that the ship might have this morning and none are likely tobeen struck by a mine but the case is day. General Funston said that from being investigated further.

TO ENLARGE ARMY

tion will be introduced in congress phone wires out of town. This step his plans and intended making a stand probably tomorrow to permit the war was taken to prevent news of the against the American punitive expedi- department to raise the standing army to the full strength of the various units dispatches. which will be about 120,000 men.

Senators who were consulted by house leaders and war department offi- per reports from New Mexico had class asserted late today that the in- been revealing every movement of 8,000 or 9,000 men to the regiments ment. try assert that the Ojitos pass is admirably adapted for a successful de- that force up to a total of about 27,000

bus is showing unmistakable signs present locations for service in Mex- lumbus.

Chicago Banks Have \$1,300,000,000.

messages and information across the nearly \$900,000,000, which is also a

THE WAR **TODAY**

Activities on the Verdon front continue to be chiefly those of the artillery arm, which still is being vigorously employed.

No Infantry attack by the Germans has developed west of the Meuse, where there have been signs that a renewal of the drive was in prospect. The German effort, indeed, seems to have again shifted in its most intensive form to the other bank of the stream. where a reconnaissance in force in the Haudremont wood, west of Douaumont, is reported by Paris to have been checked by the French curtain of fire.

Southeast of Douaumont, in the region of Vaux and Damloup, the violent German bombardment continues, while further south, in the Woevre region, both German and French guns are busy pounding opposing positions.

There is increasing friction between Greece and the entente powers, according to advices from German sources. These declare that Premier Skouloudis has notified the entente ambassadors that the Greek government is indisposed to transfer to the entente the administration of railroads in northern Greece and Macedonia, to withdraw troops from the Macedonian region, and to meet other requests by the entente.

French and German aviators have had many combats in the air recently with the advantage in favor of the French, according to Paris. A French air squadron dropped more than a hundred bombs back of the German lines north of Verdun. At least three German aeroplanes are declared to have been brought to earth.

On the eastern front the Russians claim to have been successful in small engagements against the Teutons in Galicia.

On the Caucasian front the Russians are continuing to drive the Turks before them.

The British have driven back the Germans in East Africa after severe fighting.

The American troops have not vet crossed the Mexican border as far as is known to the public.

TROOPSSTILL **HELD ON THIS** SIDE OF LINE

No Movement of American Soldiers Gathered for Hunting Villa.

CENSORSHIP APPLIED

Shuts Off All the Other Sources of News.

for a movement across the border now on he would refuse to answer questions concerning the imminence of the expeditionary force's departure

A rigid censorship was ardered es tablished at Columbus, N. M., today by Major General Frederick Funston. He instructed Brigadier General John J Pershing, commanding there to take charge of the telegraph office, watch all automobile routes and guard teletroop movements leaking out in pres

News Proves Handicap.

General Funston said that newspacrease to be authorized by the house troops, the disposition of the various resolution would add approximately forces and the amount of their equip-

"There was no use of trying to conceal our plans here while there was a leak on the border." he explained. "We The present strength of the army is had to act." It was indicated that if the bout 87,000 men. The additional censorship ordered today was evaded and use guerilla tactics. The fron- troops are desired to fill the places of military law might be the next step tier country between here and Colum- men who may be withdrawn from their in controlling the new situation at Co-

It was announced today that Briga-Chicago, March 14.—According to dier General George Bell Jr., comagents have poured into Fort Bliss, reports issued by Chicago banks the mander of the 5th brigade with head-Several arrests already have been total of deposits today is approximate- quarters at San Antonio had been orly \$1,300,000,000, a new record in local dered to El Pase to take command of pathizers are using dogs to send banking circles. Loans amount to the troops there, relieving General Pershing now at Columbus.

General Bell will not be under Gen-Pershing's advance into Mexico is be- standing order. gun. He will operate under the orders of General Funston.

General John J. Pershing, command- forces probably will be in that direcing the American expeditionary force tion. into Mexico, left here on a westbound train last night and since his depart- President Wilson today that word reure, military authorities have refused ceived at the state department from all information about him.

General Pershing's train was said that a favorable impression had been here to be going to Columbus, N. M., made by the note sent General Carwhere today some 4,000 men of the ranza yesterday and the president's first expeditionary force are in readi- assurances that no armed intervenness for the dash after Villa. Some tion in Mexico was planned. hours after General Pershing left here. Mr. Polk's report was optimistic however, it became evident that mill- and did not confirm reports that the tary authorities in this section intend- Carranza supporters resented the ed that no information should leak out pursuit of Villa by American troops, about his further movements.

Eludes Newspaper Men.

In expectation of the general's departure last night from El Paso, a crowd of photographers and moving picture men had gathered at a railway platform. Piles of military equipment and bulky army wagons were scating, instead of walking down the lane ing to Private Stephen Wieczorkie- WILSON URGES THAT which the photographers had formed. stepped behind an army wagon and fantry, who helped in repulsing the The train was about to pull out when across the border. He made this statethence to the opposite side of the car.

ARREST MAN FOR DOUBLE MURDER

Butcher Is Held as Slaver of Two Competitors in Chicago Meat Market -Revenge Motive?

Chicago, March 14-Victor Dobricky, for shipment within less than two a butcher, has been arrested in con- weeks. nection with the murder of William Bindrim, 79 years old, and his son, OTTUMWA DEFEATS George, 39, whose bodies were found yesterday morning in the butcher shop owned by the elder Bindrim. Hair found in the hand of George Bindrim is identical with that of Dobricky the ing to returns announced early today, yesterday 50, lowest last night 26.

The police contend that the murder the proposition to float bonds for per hour. was committed for revenge and not for \$125,000 to construct, equip and furrobbery as a considerable sum of nish a high school building, in Monmoney was found undisturbed in the day's election, by a majority of 150. shop on Monday. Three school directors were elected to

A mest cleaver had been used by the succeed themselves for three year feet in last 24 hours.

IN AND ABOUT THE THEATRE OF WAR. AMERICAN REPLY BRIDGE BURNS IN PLEASES MEXICO FRONT OF TROOP Acceptance of Carranza Proposal Meets With Favor of Chief and

BUSINESS

Little Rock, Ark., March 14 .- Four trains carrying troops of the 11th cav-Washington, Marcet 11. The state department was formally advised of alry from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to El ployes surrounded the plant of the the receipt by General Carranza of Paso were delayed several hours last Corn Products company in Argo today ternoon. the reply sent yesterday to his pro-night when a bridge on the Iron Mounposals for a reciprocal agreement cs tain railroad was burned at New Au- to be taken into the superintendent to the pursuit of bandits along the the department that the American Memphis. The cause of the fire is been at the plant all night. No vionote was favorably received by Gen- not known.

eral Carranza but the official mes-The department has not renewed its morning for the long trip across west fected. standing order urging Americans to Texas carried soldiers on the engine. stay out of Mexico for the time being This was done following the burning eral Pershing, but will have charge of but news dispatches indicate Consul of two bridges since the troops left this afternoon by an automobile which the border situation when General Canada at Vera Cruz acted under the Georgia. One of these bridges was was driven rapidly up the lane to the west of Fort Worth.

Casas Grandes is protected by a Car-Pershing Sent to Columbus. El Paso, Texas, March 14—Brigadier first movements of the American Casas Grandes is protected by a Carrange of the LANSING OFF FOR **WEEK'S VACATION** Acting Secretary Polk reported to

From Terrific Strain He Has Been Under at Capital.

Washington, March 14.-Secretary Lansing was on his way to Pinehurst, N. C., today for a week's vacation. For many weeks the secretary has been working steadily in a heavy pressure of diplomatic affairs and feels the need of a rest. Taking a vacation at this time was regarded here as indica-USED BY VILLA MEN tive of how completely the state department regards the Mexican situation in the hands of the army and that dum dum bullets and American made the understanding with General Car-Chicago, March 14.-American made ranza is complete. guns were used by the Villa forces in

their raid on Columbus, N. M., accordwicz of the Seventh United States in-BILLS BE HURRIED

raiders and took part in their pursuit Washington, March 14. - President Wilson urged Chairman Padgett of the one-pound cans of beef stew for use tente powers that his government the farewell crowd discovered that ment while passing through Chicago house naval committee today to hurry the general had out maneuvered them. on his way to his home in Toledo, the navy bill. Mr. Padgett said the hearings probably would be ended in that a working majority of his com-AND TRUCKS FOR ARMY mittee favored substantial strengthening of the navy. He said he expect- REFUSES TO SALUTE ed no trouble in getting through the plying 54 trucks and 15 motorcycles house a naval program to meet the to the United States government, to be approval of the administration,

the committee tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednes-

HIGH SCHOOL ISSUE day, colder tonight with the lowest them. temperature about 20 degrees. Temperature at 7 a. m. 26. Highest

Precipitation none. a. m. 93, at 1 p. m. today 72.

STRIKERS APPLY

RIGHTS

STANDING-

Striking Employes Surround Factory to Prevent Food Getting to Officials in Building.

Chicago, March 14 .- Striking emgusta, Ark., between Little Rock and and the few employes said to have lence was reported. The 250 strikers Fort Worth, Texas, March 14 .- demand a flat rate of 25 cents an hour. Troop trains leaving Fort Worth this The strikers' pickets grouped at the

> The srtikers' pickets grouped at the entrance to the plant were scattered main gate of the plant.

> To prevent a repetition of the incident the strikers stretched a steel cable across the lane propping its center with a small tree on which they placed two American flags.

AMERICANS TRY TO GET OUT OF MEXICO

Washington, March 14.-Thirty-five Americans are leaving Chihuahua City today on a special train provided by the Carranza authorities. Twenty Americans refused to leave and 17 others in various parts of Chihuahua state also elected to remain. The state department's dispatches reporting the GREECE REFUSES departure of the Americans said the Carranza authorities in Chihuahua were showing an excellent spirit of

600,000,000 CANS OF BEEF STEW ORDERED

New York, March 14.-Announce ment was made here today that the British government has awarded a Sayville, N. Y.)-Premier Skouloudis contract to the Imperial Canneries, of Greece is said by 'the Overseas Limited, of Montreal, for 600,000,00 News Agency to have informed the enas army rations. The aggregate value would not accept certain demands by of the contract is given as \$91,000,000. them and that insistence on them This is declared to be the largest sin- would disturb the relations between two weeks and assured the president gle order for army rations placed in Greece and the entente. this country or Canada.

STARS AND STRIPES

Des Moines, Iowa, March 14.-Hu-Thomas A. Edison will be heard by bert Eaves, 11 year old, negro student at the Clarkson grade school, was RED CROSS SUPPLIES taken before juvenile court authorities today because he refused to salute the American flag.

The boy said he would salute "noparents approve his stand.

fense too extreme to be dealt with by today. The loss is estimated at \$200,-

. "Drys" Win Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Man., March 14.- Returns

in yesterday's referendum vote on the acres, centrally located, for a play-Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 77, at Manitoba temperance act, which will grounds and school athletic field, E. result in the closing June 1 next of E. Baker, president of the Kewanee Stage of water 6 feet, a fall of 1.4 nearly two hundred bars, 42 liquor Boller company, today offered to erect houses and several licensed clubs in four complete public baths on the site J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster. the province,

QUIET ABOUT VERDUN TOLD **GERMANS**

Berlin Admits Inactivity of Their Forces at Europe's War Center.

CHECK TEUTON DRIVE

Paris Claims Movement of Kaiser's Men Halted by French Soldiers.

Berlin, March 14 (via London.)-No important developments along the western front are recorded in the official communication of today, which

"Western theatre: Generally speaking, there was no change,

"A small engagement near Wieltje, northeast of Ypres, ended in the British beginning a drive.

"A British aeroplane was shot down by Lieutenant Immelmann east of Arras and one west of Bapaume. The occupants were dead. Lieutenant Boelke brought down two enemy aero-

"A British biplane was compelled to land west of Cambrai after an aerial fight. Its occupants were captured. "Eastern and Balkan theatres: There is nothing to report."

French Report.

Paris, March 14 (2:30 p. m.)-Last night saw a continuance of the artillery activity on the Verdun front. West of the Meuse the cannonading was fairly violent and a reconnaissance on the part of the Germans in the wood of Haudremont was checked by the French, according to official announcement made in Paris this af-

There was severe cannonading near Vaux and also in the Woevre district. In the wood of Le Petre a German detachment advancing on a French trench was driven back.

Germans Are Checked.

The text of the statement follows: "To the west of the Meuse there was a fairly spirited cannonading last night. On the right bank of this stream a strong reconnaissance of the enemy in the wood of Haudremont was checked by our curtain fire. The bombardment continues violently in the region of Vaux and Damloup.

"In the Woevre both the French and the German artillery has been active, particularly in the sector of Eix, but otherwise there is nothing of importance to report in this section.

"In the forest of Le Petre a detachment of Germans who endeavored to surprise our trenches at Croix des Carmes was received by a fusillade and compelled to disperse, leaving several dead on the field.

"The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front."

ALLIES' DEMAND

Claim Government Opposes Stand Taken by Entente Powers and Concessions Asked.

Berlin, March 14 (by wireless to

"It is reported from Athens," says the news agency, "that Premier Skouloudis read before the cabinet a collective note from the entente powers. After a short discussion the cabinet resolved not to accept the demands made in the note.'

DESTROYED IN FIRE

Hallfax, N. S., March 14 .- A large body or nothing" but his God. His quantity of Red Cross supplies were burned in a fire which destroyed No. 2 School authorities consider his of- pier of the steamship terminals here

Offers Kewance Public Baths. Kewanee, Ill., March 14.-Following Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 12 miles today from outlying rural districts the announcement of the purchase by emphasized the 'dry" victory scored the board of education of about four

lif the city will maintain the same.